

# STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

No 26.—DECEMBER QUARTER, 1941.

Issued under the authority of

HON. A. L. McEWIN, M.L.C., Chief Secretary

by

A. W. BOWDEN, A.I.A., Government Statist, Etc.

### QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATISTICS.

Quarter ended 31st December, 1941

Heading.	Sub-Heading.	Table.
Population and Vital .....	Population and Migration .....	1
	Births, Deaths and Marriages .....	2
Rainfall.....	Adelaide and Agricultural Areas .....	3
Employment, Unemployment..	Employment—Various.....	4
	Employment—Factories .....	5
	Labour Exchange Registrations .....	5
	Trade Unionists Unemployed .....	5
Finance—State .....	Revenue and Expenditure.....	6
	Public Debt .....	7
Finance—Banking .....	Trading Banks.....	8
	Bank Clearings .....	9
	Savings Banks .....	9
Trade.....	Oversea Trade—Totals .....	10
	Exports—Principal Items .....	11
	Imports—Principal Items .....	12
Transport and Communication	Railways.....	13, 14
	Tramways .....	15
	Motor Registrations .....	16, 17
	Telephones, Wireless .....	17
Prices .....	Wholesale (Primary Products) .....	18
	Wool Sales .....	19
	Retail (Food and Groceries) .....	20
	Price Index Numbers .....	21
Miscellaneous .....	Building Permits .....	22
	Sales Tax .....	23
	Companies, Mortgages, Land Transferred..	24
	Bankruptcy .....	25
	Butter and Cheese Production .....	26
	Slaughtering—Abattoirs .....	27
	Electricity Sales .....	28
	Gas and Electricity Output .....	29
Latest Production Statistics and Miscellaneous Data not elsewhere included	—	30

## 1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population at end of period (a).			Natural Increase	Migration—Civil only. Increase + ; Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter- state.	Total.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st December, 1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	— 363	— 987	— 1,350
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	— 1,407	— 1,439
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+ 242	— 820	— 578
1938	297,549	297,560	595,109	3,871	+ 346	— 309	+ 37
1939	299,635	298,828	598,463	3,879	+ 424	— 949	— 525
1940	297,849	300,242	598,091	4,309	+ 460	— 5,141	— 4,681
Mar. Quarter, 1940	299,278	299,664	598,942	1,200	+ 123	— 844	— 721
1941	297,533	300,408	597,941	1,232	+ 35	— 1,417	— 1,382
June Quarter, 1940	298,654	299,666	598,320	979	+ 104	— 1,705	— 1,601
1941	298,305	301,142	599,447	1,108	+ 11	+ 387	+ 398
Sept. Quarter, 1940	297,761	299,664	597,425	945	+ 110	— 1,950	— 1,840
1941	—	—	—	955	—	—	—

Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1941, 340,000, or 58 per cent. of State.

(a) Inclusive of all troops enlisted, irrespective of present location.

## 2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.		Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile Deaths.
		No.	No.	No.	No.
Year,	1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
	1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
	1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
	1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
	1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
	1937.....	8,985	5,247	5,340	297
	1938.....	9,410	5,539	5,489	287
	1939.....	9,618	5,739	5,670	336
	1940.....	10,017	5,708	6,950	356
	1941.....	10,965	6,288	6,855	356
Oct.	1940 .....	813	502	514	29
	1941 .....	907	493	506	33
Nov.	1940 .....	832	446	569	31
	1941 .....	986	523	570	35
Dec.	1940 .....	859	371	775	17
	1941 .....	1,071	566	1,043	47
Dec. Quarter,	1940 .....	2,504	1,319	1,858	77
	1941 .....	2,964	1,582	2,119	115

## 3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1941.							State 36 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1941.	102 Years' Mean.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
January .....	4.89	3.92	3.55	3.38	1.35	3.57	2.99	.54	3.31	.75
February .....	.36	.21	.16	.45	.12	.20	.22	.74	.75	.74
March .....	1.60	1.52	1.30	2.05	1.82	1.20	1.63	.71	1.85	1.01
April .....	.93	.29	.22	2.26	.62	.85	.82	.96	1.01	1.77
May .....	.84	.29	.11	1.33	.35	.38	.51	1.70	.79	2.69
June .....	1.63	1.91	1.56	1.57	.83	1.71	1.37	2.05	1.60	3.05
July .....	2.94	2.02	1.35	3.75	2.03	2.24	2.32	1.92	4.19	2.62
August .....	1.71	1.70	.90	1.44	1.51	.95	1.40	1.97	1.56	2.55
September .....	3.34	2.16	.50	4.68	2.55	1.83	2.54	1.62	4.50	2.05
October .....	1.63	1.98	.90	1.55	1.33	1.67	1.47	1.26	1.43	1.70
November .....	.72	1.19	1.01	.62	.81	.78	.84	.94	1.00	1.16
December .....	.45	.39	.19	.59	.19	.38	.33	.78	.57	1.03
	April to November.								Jan.-Dec.	
1941.....	13.74	11.54	6.55	17.20	10.03	10.41	11.27	—	22.56	21.12
1940.....	11.41	6.55	3.21	14.65	7.13	6.96	8.13	—	16.16	—
Mean, 36 years.	15.79	11.99	8.63	19.18	10.89	10.17	12.42	12.42	—	—

## 4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	October.			November.			December.		
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1939.	1940.	1941.
State Government (a)	117	116	127	116	119	128	116	118	127
Commonwealth									
Government ... (a)	135	138	172	141	140	170	146	143	165
Local Government (a)	121	91	91	123	94	89	138	101	83
Public Bodies .... (a)	121	118	118	123	117	118	114	113	113
Retailers ..... (b)	109	111	118	111	117	120	127	127	127
Factories ..... (b)	161	179	240	162	185	246	167	197	—

(a) Complete. (b) Returns received from representative firms only.

NOTE.—Factories are shown as such and not included under other headings.

## 5.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	13.6	9.4	7.3	9.4	8.8	4.5
Labour Exchange Registrations end June .....No.	10,970	8,033	7,739	8,574	5,978	1,745
Employment in Factories Index No. (a) .....	120	127	138	136	141	166
	October.		November.		December.	
	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	—	—	4.7	—	—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end month .....No.	4,360	764	4,413	397	3,707	173
Employment in Factories, Index No. (a) .....	152	203	157	209	167	—

(a) Base, 1929-30 = 100.

## 6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Railways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Railways (b)	Unemployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
Year, 1931-32 .....	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932-33 .....	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1933-34 .....	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1934-35 .....	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1935-36 .....	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1936-37 .....	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,260
1937-38 .....	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
1938-39 .....	2,358	1,564	3,293	12,461	5,061	2,765	319	12,334
1939-40 .....	2,424	1,692	3,165	12,304	5,096	2,851	304	12,701
1939-40 .....	2,679	1,884	3,145	12,756	5,247	2,844	336	12,918
1940-41 .....	2,782	1,560	3,482	12,925	5,286	2,938	169	13,008
Oct., 1940 .....	93	117	294	930	357	223	17	964
1941 .....	142	124	402	1,096	352	305	2	1,084
Nov., 1940 .....	106	106	310	1,002	366	220	12	1,014
1941 .....	184	99	371	1,162	362	295	3	1,019
Dec., 1940 .....	133	112	296	1,045	533	246	13	1,204
1941 .....	236	115	380	1,329	534	319	3	1,283
Dec. Quarter, 1940 .....	332	335	900	2,977	1,256	689	42	3,182
1941 .....	562	338	1,153	3,587	1,248	919	8	3,386
July-Dec., 1940 .....	562	665	1,748	5,440	2,638	1,336	109	6,298
1941 .....	998	759	2,078	6,453	2,668	1,764	23	6,705

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

(b) Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly and quarterly.



## 7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, etc.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178 7 9
1933.....	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180 17 9
1934.....	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182 18 1
1935.....	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181 17 4
1936.....	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183 2 0
1937.....	106,594,164	2,131,201	108,725,365	184 13 11
1938.....	107,450,640	1,944,607	109,395,247	184 14 0
1939.....	108,887,092	1,420,158	110,307,250	185 3 0
1940.....	109,344,040	1,365,283	110,709,323	185 0 8
1941.....	109,779,724	2,041,800	111,821,524	186 10 10
31st Dec. 1940.....	110,017,840	1,692,631	111,710,471	186 15 7
1941.....	111,289,724	890,294	112,180,018	187 0 0

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

## 8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.					Advances.	Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.		
	£	%	£	%	£	£	%
June Quarter							
1932 .....	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09
1933 .....	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44
1934 .....	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69
1935 .....	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68
1936 .....	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10
1937 .....	18,079,031	71·51	7,204,074	28·49	25,283,105	18,443,318	72·95
1938 .....	18,559,625	73·47	6,701,860	26·53	25,261,485	19,306,744	76·43
1939 .....	18,845,522	74·18	6,558,821	25·82	25,404,343	19,808,154	77·97
1940 .....	19,286,074	71·71	7,606,718	28·29	26,892,792	17,911,061	66·60
1941 .....	18,947,340	68·92	8,546,437	31·08	27,493,777	16,889,318	61·43
Dec. Quarter							
1940 .....	19,655,471	70·94	8,052,191	29·06	27,707,662	17,472,146	63·06
1941 .....	19,301,181	66·59	9,684,190	33·41	28,985,371	17,049,920	58·82

NOTE. — State and Commonwealth Banks, Dec. Quarter, 1941. Advances, £2,475,143; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £2,871,727; Not Bearing Interest, £1,364,579; Total, £4,236,306.

## 9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	£	£
1931-32 .....	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33 .....	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34 .....	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35 .....	607,724	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36 .....	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37 .....	645,313	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
1937-38 .....	657,814	27,243,654	45 19 11	158,944,202	3,039,755
1938-39 .....	669,685	27,397,028	45 19 9	153,932,144	2,952,870
1939-40 .....	677,685	26,563,287	44 7 11	167,988,303	3,219,186
1940-41 .....	692,120	27,509,706	45 17 10	182,332,702	3,498,544
October, 1940.....	680,204	26,915,397	45 1 1	14,285,874	3,148,626
1941.....	701,424	28,544,048	47 12 0	17,609,722	3,853,368
November, 1940.....	680,715	27,007,279	45 4 1	14,748,240	3,361,179
1941.....	702,189	28,628,759	47 14 0	17,238,562	4,232,205
December, 1940.....	679,719	26,727,176	44 13 9	16,191,179	3,837,214
1941.....	702,362	28,816,811	48 0 0	17,969,456	3,974,783

## 10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
1931-32 .....	12,264,227	9,772,000	2,821,538	6,950,462
1932-33 .....	12,802,189	10,242,000	3,760,324	6,481,676
1933-34 .....	12,718,325	10,175,000	3,679,412	6,495,588
1934-35 .....	11,834,784	9,468,000	3,965,808	5,502,192
1935-36 .....	15,381,124	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37 .....	16,748,140	13,399,000	5,438,429	7,960,571
1937-38 .....	19,057,243	15,246,000	7,473,802	7,772,198
1938-39 .....	14,841,507	11,873,000	5,851,043	6,021,957
July-April, 1938-39 .....	13,074,056	10,459,000	4,854,923	5,604,077
1939-40 .....	11,890,218	9,512,000	5,693,556	3,818,444

NOTE.—Publication of Trade Statistics since suspended.

## 11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-March.	
		1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Quantities—							
Barley .....	bush.	3,360,946	2,312,332	4,390,374	2,248,212	1,732,502	748,134
Flour .....	ton	60,137	58,590	68,231	86,678	63,885	59,079
Wheat .....	bush.	22,669,070	16,770,810	28,805,592	18,486,303	15,407,166	7,216,719
Butter .....	lb.	7,953,012	7,291,690	8,809,153	7,385,564	6,141,640	8,411,809
Cheese .....	lb.	3,898,651	7,289,309	10,109,467	12,907,683	11,090,920	13,763,100
Eggs in shell .....	doz.	3,456,050	2,745,480	1,225,550	1,395,540	1,395,240	1,395,660
Lamb .....	carcases	342,177	420,374	376,893	667,248	666,324	687,823
Wool (a) .....	lb.	75,847,402	70,875,617	68,008,006	87,272,802	71,628,812	59,810,385
Currants and raisins ..	lb.	27,504,426	25,108,567	38,507,866	42,692,777	16,723,395	7,123,045
Wine .....	gall.	3,427,516	3,679,365	3,478,450	3,440,509	2,915,384	2,670,260
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	cwt.	3,749,405	2,393,740	3,171,943	4,077,760	2,889,577	2,035,271
Lead .....	cwt.	2,131,846	1,796,399	2,057,624	1,994,054	1,641,441	1,273,469
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley .....	£	353,533	432,079	746,661	279,311	218,883	88,804
Flour .....	£	422,899	558,675	617,446	498,396	374,708	379,018
Wheat .....	£	4,087,227	4,386,206	6,306,741	2,532,065	2,077,953	950,407
Butter .....	£	400,509	395,448	496,326	413,471	322,946	464,494
Cheese .....	£	80,851	166,122	294,136	372,776	321,875	409,149
Eggs in shell .....	£	165,892	140,542	68,441	75,915	75,894	72,329
Lamb .....	£	288,017	352,575	367,078	682,682	681,973	712,973
Wool .....	£	3,780,550	4,071,953	3,267,842	3,461,417	2,859,747	2,962,018
Currants and raisins ..	£	512,714	459,518	730,550	787,524	312,598	138,060
Wine .....	£	870,710	955,033	857,291	919,983	784,317	696,988
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	£	531,685	737,060	684,856	553,410	432,379	355,944
Lead .....	£	1,759,672	2,080,903	1,992,168	1,846,630	1,535,546	1,280,425

(a) Including scoured converted to greasy.

## 12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-March.	
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
(British Currency.)						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Apparel and attire .....	61,419	62,758	78,970	74,326	61,056	49,376
Bags and sacks .....	312,623	315,346	300,072	274,076	239,516	434,064
Fertilizers—Rock phosphates	129,773	129,015	131,000	138,981	94,833	88,300
Iron and steel .....	433,653	350,041	794,299	311,174	271,827	95,328
Machines and machinery ...	601,041	730,242	1,111,567	912,006	757,302	552,504
Motor bodies, chassis, etc. ..	375,010	373,703	515,185	354,923	272,870	248,698
Petrol, etc.....	417,979	421,437	562,893	495,219	379,969	610,284
Kerosene.....	68,194	62,706	124,132	66,751	48,480	81,780
Other oils in bulk .....	180,426	165,611	249,986	245,930	148,325	258,003
Paper .....	195,972	269,392	224,787	234,798	163,253	230,786
Stationery, books, etc.....	111,022	109,701	131,959	147,968	96,909	194,990
Tea .....	111,940	121,758	113,900	108,425	82,556	124,040
Textiles, piecegoods, etc. ...	610,588	612,363	733,714	600,050	477,792	516,474
Timber .....	274,150	175,886	526,309	294,297	207,644	229,542

### 13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. <i>a.</i>	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
	£	£	No.	No.	Tons.	1,000m.
Year 1931-32..	2,757,123	1,921,744	4,914,265	15,608,384	2,430,226	166,409
1933-34..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1935-36..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
1936-37..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	205,329
1937-38..	3,299,084	2,612,562	6,111,121	17,632,125	2,897,351	200,144
1938-39..	3,133,373	2,675,299	6,177,407	17,528,651	2,661,168	212,982
1939-40..	3,183,562	2,679,622	5,928,416	17,641,766	2,700,163	220,037
1940-41..	3,530,166	2,804,490	5,892,240	20,360,011	2,770,374	277,570
Sept., 1940....	290,208	209,010	479,477	1,773,964	258,871	20,936
1941....	345,097	280,575	537,059	2,404,225	267,473	31,329
Oct., 1940....	294,188	222,706	511,082	1,499,387	224,175	20,379
1941....	402,496	303,788	561,654	2,089,658	269,833	30,747
Nov., 1940....	309,273	219,673	468,965	1,350,577	194,134	16,725
1941....	370,526	296,508	518,777	2,109,366	239,107	28,138
July-Nov.,						
1940-41....	1,451,629	1,089,596	2,475,353	7,423,036	1,207,328	92,492
1941-42....	1,697,615	1,445,124	2,684,752	10,549,232	1,247,681	144,939

*a* Excluding pensions and capital charges.

### 14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage (Revenue).
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Departmental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32 .....	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1933-34 .....	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1935-36 .....	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37 .....	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
1937-38 .....	421,956	950,375	27,297	33,909	1,433,537	365,066
1938-39 .....	421,187	951,051	25,840	31,844	1,429,922	348,614
1939-40 .....	411,719	876,011	57,412	28,742	1,373,884	336,980
1940-41 .....	445,798	852,168	104,134	40,428	1,442,528	330,947
Sept., 1940....	33,727	77,912	9,551	4,248	125,438	30,593
1941....	45,926	80,151	10,033	2,782	138,892	30,847
Oct., 1940....	36,754	82,578	9,639	2,643	131,614	29,952
1941....	44,508	80,923	9,069	2,692	137,191	30,838
Nov., 1940....	34,657	66,664	9,096	2,522	112,939	25,276
1941....	45,730	76,540	9,221	2,293	133,784	27,338
July-Nov.,						
1940-41....	168,456	385,754	44,764	15,312	614,286	150,174
1941-42....	224,050	398,951	47,584	12,410	682,995	151,042



## 15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Elec- tricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
1938.....	1,897	141,572	22,716	81,081
1939.....	1,948	144,948	23,869	87,084
1940.....	1,996	150,064	24,252	88,755
Six months ended January, 1941 .....	2,177	160,272	24,479	95,936
29th September to 26th October, 1940	2,167	157,062	24,525	95,465
14th September to 11th October, 1941	2,708	197,637	25,723	112,238
27th October to 23rd November, 1940	2,147	157,012	24,448	96,364
12th October to 8th November, 1941.	2,756	200,330	26,082	110,461

## 16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS. (See also No. 17).

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
October.....	161	65	94	49	37	8
November.....	240	65	105	77	34	17
December.....	196	76	100	95	24	19
December Quarter.....	597	206	299	221	95	44
December-January.....	2,868	1,276	1,217	769	407	224
Second-hand Vehicles—						
October.....	955	831	381	374	547	334
November.....	1,012	786	390	370	555	383
December.....	1,198	614	362	359	599	282
December Quarter.....	3,165	2,231	1,133	1,103	1,701	999
December-January.....	12,008	9,501	4,572	4,418	5,728	4,510
Renewals—						
December Quarter.....	19,143	20,213	6,454	6,989	2,857	2,774
December-January.....	68,882	70,413	25,830	28,134	10,409	10,024
Cancellations—						
December Quarter.....	2,105	1,293	743	530	835	550
December-January.....	9,165	6,517	3,041	2,828	3,003	2,479
Expirations—						
December Quarter.....	18,618	20,203	6,516	7,125	3,376	3,521
December-January.....	75,754	78,329	29,819	30,889	13,818	14,232

## 17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a). (excluding vehicles used by defence services.)				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Exist- ing (a).	New.	Exist- ing (a).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended Dec., 1931 ..	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1932 ..	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1933 ..	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1934 ..	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1935 ..	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1936 ..	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1937 ..	56,101	21,728	11,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105,045
1938 ..	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	6,095	58,960	20,568	115,571
1939 ..	59,345	25,740	9,492	94,577	5,449	61,565	16,460	120,584
1940 ..	58,184	24,499	9,215	91,898	5,977	63,593	16,744	127,995
1941 ..	54,528	24,382	7,262	86,172	6,594	66,374	17,761	136,457
October, 1940 .....	55,699	23,848	8,718	88,265	452	63,298	1,376	127,404
1941 .....	52,995	23,837	7,336	84,168	690	65,905	1,297	135,042
November, 1940 .....	56,577	24,107	8,996	89,680	502	63,436	1,225	127,468
1941 .....	53,750	24,078	7,417	85,245	556	66,165	1,235	135,311
December, 1940 .....	58,184	24,499	9,215	91,898	433	63,593	1,244	127,995
1941 .....	54,528	24,382	7,262	86,172	440	66,374	1,306	136,457

(a) At end of period stated.

## 18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Tons. £ s. d.	Prime. £ s. d.	Prime. s. d.	Prime. s. d.
October, 1940 .....	a	a	2 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 5 0	13 18 0	13 6	18 3
1941 .....	a	a	2 9	3 18 0	12 15 0	13 3	16 9
November, 1940 .....	a	a	2 8	3 3 9	13 13 9	13 0	18 9
1941 .....	a	a	2 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 3 9	11 17 6	14 6	17 9
December, 1936 .....	5 1	4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 10 0	8 17 6	21 9	21 0
1937 .....	4 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 4	2 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2 9	10 16 3	20 9	20 9
1938 .....	2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	2 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 15 0	11 6 3	13 0	18 6
1939 .....	a	a	1 3	1 16 0	10 16 9	17 6	19 0
1940 .....	a	a	2 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 2 6	14 3 3	12 6	19 3
1941 .....	a	a	1 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 7 0	11 15 0	15 9	18 9

(a) No quotations.

## 19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realized.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lb.	£	d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32 .....	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6-88	14,065
1932-33 .....	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7-32	4,212
1933-34 .....	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13-96	20,045
1934-35 .....	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8-14	4,815
1935-36 .....	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11-92	5,029
1936-37 .....	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13-66	4,040
1937-38 .....	273,056	85,165,647	4,018,205	11-28	13,913
1938-39 .....	325,854	100,982,688	3,842,380	9-10	7,192

From 1939-40, Wool sales were cancelled owing to purchase of wool by British Government ;  
for 1939-40, average price received by growers was 11-935d., and for 1940-41 was 12-11d.

## 20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2lb.	Flour, 2lb.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 7lb.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October, 1940....	5-50	4-55	30-90	5-85	19-05	12-85	14-14	8-10	7-65
1941....	6-00	4-55	41-05	6-00	19-05	13-25	6-25	8-20	7-40
November, 1940....	5-50	4-55	30-90	5-85	19-05	13-40	17-83	8-05	7-55
1941....	6-00	4-55	41-05	6-00	19-05	13-05	8-71	8-20	7-40
December, 1936....	5-00	4-20	27-80	5-95	17-10	13-10	13-71	5-80	7-50
1937....	5-00	4-35	27-85	5-85	19-00	14-25	7-86	6-25	7-85
1938....	5-50	4-50	27-85	5-85	19-50	12-50	12-79	7-75	7-85
1939....	5-50	4-60	30-75	5-85	19-10	12-50	11-68	7-35	7-65
1940....	5-50	4-55	31-70	5-85	19-05	13-45	12-80	8-20	7-50
1941....	6-00	4-55	43-05	6-00	19-05	13-40	12-14	8-00	7-35

## 21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE).

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	October.		November.		December.	
	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.
Food and groceries .....	903	905	911	912	897	928
	Year.				December Quarter.	
Food and groceries .....	861	897	900	905	903	915
Housing (four and five rooms) .....	868	888	892	893	892	893
Clothing .....	857	863	961	1,120	1,041	1,182
Miscellaneous (Hardware, &c.) .....	1,023	1,022	1,051	1,127	1,060	1,156
All items .....	888	906	936	988	957	1,010

## 22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		Additions.	Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£			
Year, 1931 .....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000
1932 .....	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909
1933 .....	203	166,862	69	195,686	179,273	541,821	144,000
1934 .....	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161
1935 .....	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	141,169
1936 .....	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	351,301
1937 .....	(a) 1,308	1,039,036	195	430,414	319,963	1,789,413	77,671
1938 .....	1,562	1,139,906	196	496,305	395,270	2,031,481	203,650
1939 .....	1,537	1,128,933	186	904,480	348,824	2,382,237	163,904
1940 .....	1,714	1,238,995	98	373,865	360,802	1,973,662	648,082
1941 .....	1,456	1,175,301	113	303,450	267,069	1,745,820	634,261
October, 1940 .....	142	115,859	12	48,571	22,982	187,412	128,515
1941 .....	125	120,088	3	2,198	24,842	147,128	5,703
November, 1940 .....	178	122,816	5	13,905	58,531	195,252	6,419
1941 .....	119	107,515	10	11,811	19,201	138,527	2,337
December, 1940 .....	98	74,462	10	21,419	40,019	135,900	89,058
1941 .....	169	138,637	13	26,704	13,520	178,861	58,546
December Quarter, 1940 .....	418	313,137	27	83,895	121,532	518,564	223,992
1941 .....	413	366,240	26	40,713	57,563	464,516	66,586

(a) From 1937 each dwelling unit counted separately.



**23.—SALES TAX.**

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,056	943	927	11,159	2,360	2,417	2,395	26,577
1934.....	823	945	927	10,014	1,932	3,595	2,179	26,243
1936.....	1,045	1,006	1,015	11,909	2,461	2,564	2,731	29,901
1937.....	1,149	1,146	1,285	12,587	3,101	3,022	3,473	35,696
1938.....	1,078	1,146	1,113	12,685	3,077	2,972	3,652	36,968
1939.....	1,169	1,213	900	12,330	3,236	3,723	2,675	35,562
1940.....	1,022	1,065	1,026	12,629	3,442	3,231	2,736	38,311
1941.....	1,593	1,313	1,408	17,524	4,004	3,545	3,957	44,364

The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for the fact that at various times different commodities have been exempted or become taxable, and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the returns has been reduced or increased.

**24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, ETC.**

Period.		Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
		Companies.	Authorized Capital.	Loans.	Discharges.	
		No.	£	£	£	£
Year 1931.....		122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
1933.....		156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
1935.....		150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
1936.....		99	1,488,200	5,993,845	4,076,106	8,368,200
1937.....		157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819	9,773,250
1938.....		139	2,630,225	7,224,649	5,343,113	10,648,900
1939.....		149	3,625,928	5,807,137	4,229,509	8,226,650
1940.....		73	611,000	6,024,093	4,569,260	8,224,600
1941.....		48	814,000	5,563,346	4,551,920	9,728,700
Oct., 1940.....		7	55,000	411,565	400,180	588,000
1941.....		10	57,500	652,804	400,034	783,700
Nov., 1940.....		8	117,500	408,383	322,706	604,700
1941.....		—	—	309,644	305,076	859,800
Dec., 1940.....		—	—	482,675	336,605	859,600
1941.....		3	105,000	552,294	386,570	840,900
Dec., Quarter, 1940.....		15	172,500	1,302,623	1,059,491	2,052,300
1941.....		13	162,500	1,514,742	1,091,680	2,484,400

**25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, Etc.).**

Period.		Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
		No.	No.	£	£	£
Year	1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
	1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
	1933.....	282	570	1,339,435	1,061,860	277,575
	1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
	1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
	1936.....	342	551	1,964,627	1,420,209	544,418
	1937.....	227	468	1,547,794	1,143,739	404,055
	1938.....	245	461	1,526,833	1,070,393	456,440
	1939.....	344	630	1,909,887	1,283,966	625,921
	1940.....	214	437	980,784	778,432	202,352
	1941.....	148	284	782,084	603,883	178,201
	1941.....	148	284	782,084	603,883	178,201
Oct.	1940 .....	10	22	37,974	29,110	8,864
	1941 .....	1	11	16,624	10,238	6,386
Nov.,	1940 .....	3	16	19,574	13,019	6,555
	1941 .....	1	10	15,023	13,450	1,573
Dec,	1940 .....	6	20	66,220	50,610	15,610
	1941 .....	—	7	5,855	8,561	Cr. 2,706
Dec. Quarter,	1940 .....	19	58	123,768	92,739	31,029
	1941 .....	2	28	37,502	32,249	4,253

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

**26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.**

Period.	Butter (lb.).			Cheese (lb.).		
	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42
<b>In Factories.</b>						
Oct. ....	2,473,023	2,143,014	2,371,023	2,956,467	2,865,962	3,059,489
Nov. ....	2,059,464	1,788,973	2,124,149	2,768,476	2,505,865	2,803,523
Dec. ....	1,992,950	1,659,520	1,907,915	2,403,851	1,730,050	2,227,254
July-Dec. ....	12,527,644	10,894,208	12,186,665	14,123,753	12,549,997	13,692,127
<b>Year.</b>						
	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
In Factories ..	17,553,631	19,842,843	18,390,284	18,457,298	20,549,867	19,505,217
On Farms ....	3,162,953	3,095,538	3,005,364	300	180	556
Total ....	20,716,584	22,938,381	21,395,648	18,457,598	20,550,047	19,505,773

## 27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS (for home consumption).

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
October-December 1940 . . . .	8,303	7,639	13,662	103,478	120,297	14,215
1941 . . . .	7,427	7,085	10,826	89,438	126,564	15,255
January-Dec. 1936 . . . . .	33,280	21,138	45,710	295,910	287,665	43,216
1937 . . . . .	35,734	24,007	45,635	291,487	285,019	40,183
1938 . . . . .	30,562	27,136	45,080	306,068	327,543	31,443
1939 . . . . .	28,216	26,240	42,156	327,660	341,073	29,602
1940 . . . . .	30,950	25,751	47,537	345,381	362,860	38,150
1941 . . . . .	27,496	28,088	44,433	355,970	431,613	60,916

## 28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In British Units).

Year Ended November.				Quarter Ended November.	
1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.
77,193,245	90,403,543	104,510,754	123,347,106	34,263,464	37,279,710
1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.
132,337,978	142,853,960	153,006,808	183,424,057	40,589,850	50,628,557

## 29.—GAS AND ELECTRICITY OUTPUT.

1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Gas (1,000,000 cubic feet).							
1,121	1,066	1,082	1,090	1,119	1,155	1,182	1,240
Electricity (1,000 British Units).							
148,348	165,598	176,434	200,488	223,925	240,903	256,282	270,415

### 30.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Wheat.....	acres bush. average	3,161,739 43,428,423 13-73	3,080,401 31,674,418 10-28	2,734,595 41,071,696 15-02	2,560,390 17,856,118 6-97	b2,500,000 b31,500,000 b12-60
Barley.....	acres bush. average	411,288 8,647,043 21-02	457,039 7,541,090 16-50	503,548 9,960,237 19-78	471,211 4,775,818 10-14	b520,000 b12,000,000 b23-08
Oats.....	acres bush. average	332,434 2,960,944 8-91	266,842 2,401,128 9-00	349,018 4,062,541 11-64	472,545 1,829,404 3-87	b370,000 b4,750,000 b12-84
Hay.....	acres tons average	562,057 687,312 1-22	519,309 585,554 1-13	531,614 646,075 1-22	403,678 394,274 0-98	b530,000 b655,000 b1-24
Manures used						
Crops ....	tons	176,351	179,118	170,111	155,851	—
Pastures ..	tons	51,196	56,325	53,583	50,452	—
Cattle .....	No.	324,163	318,897	351,013	376,654	—
Horses .....	No.	197,334	195,834	190,013	182,206	—
Sheep .....	No.	8,904,402	9,936,586	9,940,570	10,263,423	—
Pigs .....	No.	66,647	71,292	119,660	190,068	—
Sheep Shorn .	No.	8,654,764	9,942,135	10,132,619	10,638,154	—
Wool Clip ...	lb.	74,893,269	88,345,467	91,136,064	92,611,206	—
Wool Prodn. (a)	lb.	86,606,388	102,888,121	105,265,869	b107,000,000	—
Ewes Mated .	No.	3,662,227	4,202,848	4,436,435	4,631,407	b4,575,000
Lambs Marked	No.	2,476,804	3,077,634	3,102,835	3,196,548	b2,800,000
Wine—						
Beverage...	gall.	6,928,378	6,045,301	5,387,244	5,250,890	—
Distillation	gall.	8,960,500	5,101,745	5,792,400	5,815,760	—
Total ...	gall.	15,888,878	11,147,046	11,179,644	11,066,650	—
Currants ....	cwt.	187,332	191,381	208,930	134,904	—
Raisins .....	cwt.	332,178	233,138	299,869	310,346	—
Apples .....	bush.	1,275,486	808,020	589,112	1,480,217	—
Oranges.....	bush.	802,255	815,460	754,070	924,122	—
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,980	2,067	2,265	b2,230	—
Hands ....	No.	44,084	43,371	45,050	b53,000c	—
Wages, etc.	£	8,412,975	8,547,462	8,957,893	b11,500,000	—
Output ...	£	36,239,937	35,005,264	37,696,538	b45,700,000	—
Production						
Value...	£	13,820,155	13,678,930	14,403,520	b17,700,000	—
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	54,205	50,057	48,976	48,765	—
	£	6,255,724	6,035,238	5,716,856	5,045,062	—

a Including wool on skins.      b Estimated.      c Estimate for November, 66,000.